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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2001,
Applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

The only issue remaining in this application is the rejection
of Claims 1, 3-5, 12-15 and 20 under the judicially created doctrine
of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-
20 of U.S. Patent No. 6 223 971. U.S. Patent No. 6 223 971 is
commonly owned and has the same inventor as this application.
Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating the above rejection.
Therefore, Claims 1, 3-5, 12-15 and 20 are now believed allowable.

A check for \$55.00 is included herein for the disclaimer fee
set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d). The Commissioner is hereby authorized
to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or
to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A
duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Further and favorable consideration of the application is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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